

Again, I commend the nations who have taken the leadership and effort to become members of the Court and look forward to its role in international justice.

**HONORING JAMES UKROP FOR HIS
DEDICATION TO PROFESSIONAL
PHARMACEUTICAL SERVICES**

HON. ERIC CANTOR

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Mr. CANTOR. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James Ukrop for his dedication to professional pharmaceutical services. The Virginia Pharmacists Association Research and Education Foundation will present Mr. Ukrop with the Rx for Excellence Award, in recognition of his leadership and commitment to pharmaceutical services.

The award honors Mr. Ukrop's promotion of public welfare through the development of professional pharmaceutical services in the pharmacies located in Ukrop's grocery stores. Since the opening of the first Ukrop's pharmacy in 1989, Mr. Ukrop has provided leadership and innovation in creating first class pharmacies that provide customers with extra services, care, convenience, and value.

Fifteen of the 21 Ukrop's pharmacies have fully operating wellness centers that offer non-traditional pharmaceutical services. These services include blood pressure monitoring, blood glucose testing, cholesterol screening and immunizations. These operations provide a convenience and much-needed service to Ukrop's customers.

Mr. Ukrop's vision and commitment to others has been a driving force behind the advancement of the pharmacy profession. His leadership in the development of the profession is invaluable and something for which we are all extremely grateful. I am honored that such a remarkable citizen resides in the seventh district of Virginia.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring James Ukrop for his dedication to the people of Virginia and to the profession of pharmacy.

**MR. CHEOW TECK CHANG, THE
QUINTESSENTIAL 21ST CENTURY
CAPITALIST**

HON. SOLOMON P. ORTIZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Mr. ORTIZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of the great businessmen in the global village, Mr. Cheow Teck Chang, the President of VT Systems Incorporated, the operating headquarters of Singapore Technologies in the United States.

I came to meet Mr. Chang while working with Singapore Technologies to persuade them to bring an aspect of the Engineering Group to Corpus Christi, TX. Currently, the Corpus Christi City Council and Singapore Technologies are finalizing the details of their new venture, one that promises a host of new jobs for south Texans.

Mr. Chang is the quintessential 21st century capitalist. His company is a global engineering

enterprise specializing in aerospace, electronics, land systems and marine fields. He is the man his company trusted to lead their efforts in developing the North American markets.

Mr. Chang is certainly the man to develop these lucrative markets for his company. He is trustworthy, detail-oriented, as well as an extraordinary businessman.

He juggles many balls. In addition to the incredible workload of developing American markets for his global company, Mr. Chang is also president of the ST New Business Group, responsible for investments in new technologies, capabilities and services.

He came to his current position rich in experience. He served in the Republic of Singapore Air Force until 1990, and then joined the ST Aerospace Group where he moved quickly up through the ranks through various operations and management positions.

He graduated with honors from the National University of Singapore and recently completed a management program at Harvard Business School.

I have appreciated his gentle humor, his incredible business sense, and his ability to see around the corner in the world of finance. We are golf partners and friends, and I am grateful for the work he has done in south Texas.

I ask my colleagues to join me in commending Mr. Cheow Teck Chang, one of the great businessmen in our global economy.

HONORING TONY J. SIRVELLO III

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Tony Sirvello, Administrator of Elections, Office of the County Clerk, Harris County, TX, on the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2002. He has been a fixture in the local electoral process for more than two decades and he will be missed.

A native Houstonian, Tony Sirvello, graduated from St. Thomas High School in Houston, received his BA in Political Science and Law Degree from the University of Houston, and was admitted to the Bar in Texas in 1973. He also served in the U.S. Army where he received a Medal for Meritorious Service. He has worked in the elections' division of the Harris County Clerk's Office since 1973 becoming Elections Administrator in 1980.

In all that he has done, Tony has been a leader, organizer, and innovator. He will leave office just as the county implements his long-standing dream to replace the old voting system with a new computer-based system. The county's \$25 million eSlate voting system, which combines small computer voting machines with high-tech optical scanners, will be used for early, mail-in, and Election Day voting in the November general election. Officials have been phasing in the new system since last year.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate my friend on his retirement and commend him on a job well done. I am pleased to join Tony Sirvello's family, friends and colleagues in honoring him for his accomplishments and his steadfast commitment to the citizens of Harris County. His dedication to public service and his profes-

sionalism are examples for us all. We owe him a debt of gratitude for the work he has done to execute the electoral process in Harris County and thus the essential function of our democracy.

**IN CELEBRATION OF TAIWAN
RELATIONS ACT**

HON. PATRICK J. KENNEDY

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Mr. KENNEDY of Rhode Island. Mr. Speaker, twenty-three years ago on this date, President Jimmy Carter signed into law the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). Since the passage of that historic bill, the TRA has been very successful in providing our friend and ally, Taiwan, with a legal mechanism to ensure that Taiwan would be "protected" if attacked. At the same time it has brought a level of stability and peace to that island nation and given the Taiwanese people an opportunity to become an economic leader in the Asian, and in the global, marketplace.

President George W. Bush, reiterated our national commitment to the TRA while visiting China earlier this year. At that time he stressed our commitment to Taiwan security under the Taiwan Relations Act. I also support Taiwan's entrance into the World Health Organization.

As we celebrate this 23rd anniversary of the TRA, it is my hope that peace and stability will continue in the Taiwan Strait and that we can continue to work with the ally we have in Taiwan.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. VITO FOSSELLA

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Mr. FOSSELLA. Mr. Speaker, I am not recorded on rollcall Nos. 81 and 82. I was unavoidably detained and was not present to vote. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall Nos. 81 and 82.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BOB RILEY

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2002

Mr. RILEY. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 80, on approving the journal. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 81, H. Res. 377, Recognizing the Ellis Island Medal of Honor and commending the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations. Had I been present I would have voted yea.

I was also unavoidably detained for Rollcall No. 82, H.R. 3958, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge Settlement Act of 2002. Had I been present I would have voted yea.